Executive Proclamation State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, Conley Ruud was born on April 20, 1948, to Carl and Laura Ruud and lived in Hills, Minnesota, where he graduated from Hills-Beaver Creek High School and later from Sioux Falls College with a Business Administration degree in 1972; and,

Whereas, Prior to Conley's association with Wells Fargo, he worked in the real estate industry, and also held positions at Dakota Savings and Loan, Western Bank/Miktom Mortgage and HMC Mortgage; and,

Whereas, On January 2, 1991, Conley Ruud began his 15-year career with Norwest/Wells Fargo Home Mortgage; and,

Whereas, During this time, Conley was the recipient of many awards, including Norwest/Wells Fargo Home Mortgage President's Award, Leadership Award, Sales Excellence Award, several Buck or "Fountaine" Awards and, most recently, the Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Region 36 Leadership Award; and,

Whereas, Conley is also an asset to his community serving on the Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors, Consumer Credit Counseling Advisory Board and Volunteers of America Committee; and,

Whereas, Conley and his wife, Paula, are the proud parents of Ryan and Sara and granddaughter, Olivia, with whom they will spend more time during retirement along with golfing, traveling, relaxing at the lake house and completing home improvements; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper that Conley's colleagues, family, and friends will have an opportunity to thank him for his service to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, congratulate him on a stellar career, and wish him good health and happiness in his retirement at an event in his honor on January 21, 2006:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 21, 2006, as

CONLEY RUUD DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eleventh Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

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Chris Nelson, Secretary of State